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REF: (A) STATE "CURRENT FOREIGN RELATIONS" ISSUE NO 50,
DEC 10, 1975 (DTG 110035Z DEC 75); (B) STATE DEPT MSG,
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1. REF B PROVIDED BACKGROUND INFO ON THE CURRENT
STATUS OF GRANT MATERIEL, GRANT TRAINING, AND FMS CREDIT
LEVELS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FY77 CPD. REF B ALSO REQUESTED
BY COB WASHINGTON JAN 29, 1976 A LIST OF MAJOR ITEMS
OF EQUIPMENT BY MODEL NUMBER AND IN PRIORITY ORDER TO BE
PROCURED THROUGH BOTH GRANT MATERIEL AND FMS CREDIT.

2. MAJOR ITEMS TO BE PROCURED THROUGH THE GRANT MATERIEL
PROGRAM WITH FY77 FUNDS IN PRIORITY ORDER FOLLOWS:

MAJOR END ITEM	PRIORITY	SERVICE
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RADIO SET, AN/MRC-108	1	AF
RADIO SET, AN/PRC-77	2	ARMY
RADIO SET, AN/VRC-64	3	A
URT-23 SURFACE TRANSMITTER	4	N

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RADIO SET, AN/GRC-122	5	AF
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AN/ARN3 ANTENNA SYSTEM	6	AF	
RADIO TRANSMITTER, 45-471/-4N 65 TACAN	7	AF	
AN/GRC-122/142	8	A	
RADIO SET, AN/VRC-46	9	A	
URA-38 ANTENNA COUPLER	10	N	
RADIO SET, AR/RC-46	11	A	
RADIO SET, AN/VRC-49	12	A	
RADIO SET, AN/RRC-74	13	A	
RADIO SET, AN/ARC-54	14	A	
AR/URM-103	15	A	
30KW GENERATOR SET	16	AF	
10KW GENERATOR SET	17	AF	
ENGINE, TURBINE UH1H T-53-L-13B	18	A	
LMC-8 LANDING CRAFT	19	N	
TOOK KT TK-100	20	A	
DETECTOR SET, MINE	21	A	
20-TON MOBILE CRANE	22	N	
CRANE TRUCK, WAREHOUSE, GED 10M	23	N	
TRACTOR, MED W/DOZER, N. SCARIF WW	24	A	
GRADER, MTZD, HUY 12 FT	25	A	
LOADER, SCOOP, 4W 1 1/2 CY	26	A	
TRAVELING OVERHEAD CRANE	27	N	
TESTER, FUEL INJECTION	28	A	
WATER PUMP ST TRLE W/GEN	29	A	
HYDRAULIC PRESS	30	N	
TRUCK, 3/R TON AMBULANCE, 4X4 M43	31	N	
FORKLIFT, MED 4M LBS GED PT 144	32	N	
PISTOL CAL .45	33	A	
LATHE MACHINE	34	N	
RIFLE, M14A1	35	N	
RIFLE, M14	36	N	
M60 MG	37	N	
M79 GRENADE LAUNCHER	38	N	
60MM MORTAR	39	N	
GRINDING MACHINE	40	N	
MILLING MACHINE	41	N	

3. MAJOR ITEMS TO BE PROCURED THROUGH FMS CREDIT IN PRIORITY ORDER FOLLOWS:

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- (1) M-60 TANKS (14)
- (2) AN/TPS-43D RADAR (2)
- (3) C-130S (3)
- (4) AIRCRAFT, A 37 B -12-18)
- (5) TOW
- (6) LCUS (2)
- (7) VARIOUS TRUCKS AND SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

4. FOLLOWING ARE THE ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC OTHER QUESTIONS
RAISED IN PARA 6, REF B.

A. HOST COUNTRY WILL ACCEPT AND CONSUMMATE CREDIT
AGREEMENT AT LEVEL PROEJCTED, AND IN ALL PROBABILITY WOULD
ACCEPT AND CONSUMMATE A CREDIT AGREEMENT AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

B. SEE PARA 3 ABOVE.

C. THE PROVISION OF CREDIT DOES SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS
DERIVED FROM THE US APPROVED FORCE GOAL.

D. THE MILITARY JUSTIFICATION FOR CREDIT IS THE
REPLACEMENT OF INCREASINGLY OBSOLESCEANT MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

E. THE FMS CREDIT/CASH PROGRAM IS OVERTAKING THE
GRANT AID PROGRAM IN PROVIDING A MEANS FOR PROCURING
MAJOR END ITEMS. DUE TO THE COST OF NEW ITEMS, IT IS
NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE THEM VIA THE GRANT AID PROGRAM
(M-60 TANKS, APC'S, RADARS AND F-5E'S). THE GRANT AID
PROGRAM CONTINUES TO SUPPORT SOME OF THE O&M COST OF
RUNNING EXISTING MAP EQUIPMENT AND THE PURCHASE OF SOME
ITEMS WHOSE COSTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED.

F. ETHIOPIA CONTINUES TO BE OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE
TO THE USG BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION AND THE RESIDUAL
COMMUNICATION OPERATIONS AT KAGNEW. SUCH CREDIT HELPS
THE GOE TO MEET ITS SECURITY REQUIREMENTS ARISING OUT
OF THE BLOC OBSOLESCEANT OF ITS INVENTORY OF MAJOR END
ITEMS AS WELL AS OUT OF THE DISPARITIES BETWEEN THE
ETHIOPIAN AND SOMALI ARMED FORCES IN SUCH ITEMS, FAVORING
THE LATTER. THE PROVISION OF SUCH CREDIT ALSO HELPS THE
USG MAINTAIN AN INFLUENCE WITH THE ETHIOPIAN GOVT
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SUPPORTIVE OF AMERICAN INTERESTS.

G. CREDIT SALES WILL IMPROVE THE REGIONAL ARMS BALANCE,
SINCE THE EQUIPMENT PROCURED IS REPLACING OBSOLETE EQUIP-
MENT,(E.G., M-60S FOR M-41S) AND SOMALIA ALREADY POSSESSES
LARGER NUMBERS OF END ITEMS OF SIMILAR SOPHISTICATION AND
CAPABILITY.

H. MILITARY CREDIT ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED TO HELP
THE EPMG MODERNIZE ITS EQUIPMENT AND THEREBY TO IMPROVE
THE BALANCE OF FORCE IN THE HORN.

I. LEVELS OF US MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
IN ETHIOPIA (CF PARA 2 AND 3 REFTTEL) ARE UNLIKELY TO
PRODUCE EXCESS CLAIMS ON FUTURE ETHIOPIAN BUDGETS OR OTHER-

WISE INTERFERE WITH ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, THE EPMG HAS EXPRESSED INTENTION REGARDING MILITARY PROCUREMENT WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE EPMG MAY BUY AS MUCH AS US\$300 MILLION OF MILITARY GOODS AND SERVICES DURING THE US FISCAL YEAR 1976-79 PERIOD. IF REALIZED, THIS LEVEL OF PROCUREMENTS PLUS THE EPMG'S OBLIGATION TO COMPENSATE NATIONALIZED FIRMS AND TO FINANCE ITS SHARPLY INCREASED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COULD PLACE ETHIOPIA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES UNDER SERIOUS PRESSURE IN TWO OR THREE YEARS.

J. OTHER ARMS PURCHASES RELEVANT TO EXTENSION OF CREDIT INCLUDE:

- (1) F-5ES (16)
- (2) C-130S (3) SEE PARA 3 ABOVE.
- (3) 105" PB (6) (COMMERCIAL)
- (4) AIRCRAFT, A 37 B (12-18) SEE PARA 3 ABOVE.
- (5) LCU (2) SEE PARA 3 ABOVE.
- (6) VARIOUS TRUCKS AND SPECIAL VEHICLES SEE SUB-PARA B ABOVE.
- (7) TOW
- (8) YUGOSLAVIA NAVY - SPARE PARTS FOR PATROL BOAT.
- (9) ETHIOPIA HAS BEEN PURCHASING SPARES FOR AMMO FOR PANTHARD ARMORED CARS FROM AN OLD FRENCH CREDIT.

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